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St. Margaret's Rectory
Bel Air, Harford Co. Md.
Aug. 18th 1908.

Dear Miss. Howard,

I regret that I
cannot identify the Benjamin Wheeler
who was killed in the Revolut. war, Sept.
13th 1779; nor the Thomas Wheeler who
enlisted Apr. 23rd 1778, and died Oct. 1778.
I doubt if these were from Harford.

By consulting Preston's History of Harford
County I find these Wheelers mentioned
in connection with the Revolution.

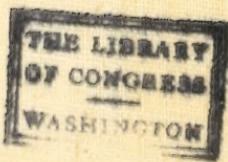
1 Joseph Wheeler } under Capt. Josias Carrol
2 Bennett Wheeler } Hall - Council of
3 Josias Wheeler } Safety 12th Sept. 1775.
4 Thomas Wheeler } under Capt. John Love
5 Josias Wheeler } 14th Sept. 1775.

6 Ignatius Wheeler Jr. 1st Lieut. under Capt.
Wm. Webb 14th Oct. 1775.

7 Thomas Wheeler } under Capt. Francis Holland.
8 Joseph Wheeler } Flying Camp. 2nd Nov. 1776.

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I believe that Joseph and Bennett Wheeler, nos. 1 + 2, were the brothers of Ignatius Wheeler Jr. no. 6, (later known as Col. Ignatius Wheeler) and that all three were the sons of Ignatius Wheeler, Sr. who was the brother of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor, who married Sarah Scott.

Josias Wheeler, no. 3, was probably the son of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor just mentioned, but not by his first wife, Sarah Scott, but by his second wife, Elizabeth Hillen, nee Raven. He was therefore a half-brother of your ancestor Benjamin Wheeler, who married Mary Neale.

Thomas Wheeler, no. 4, may have been a full brother of Benjamin Wheeler, just mentioned, and therefore also half-brother of Josias W. no. 3; or he may have been a cousin of these, being of the son of Benjamin Wheeler, a brother of Thomas Wheeler, your ancestor who married Sarah Scott; or finally, he may have been the son of your ancestor Benjamin Wheeler who married Mary Neale; in other words, the father of Ellen Wheeler who married John Gibbon Grindall. I hold this last opinion as the most probable. Josias Wheeler, no. 5, is either Josias, no. 3,



or, what is more likely, Josias R. Wheeler,
 the son of Benjamin Wheeler and Mary
 Neale Wheeler, and therefore full brother
 of your ancestor Thomas Wheeler, father of
 Ellen Wheeler who married Jno. L. Conisdale.
 Ignatius Wheeler, no. 6, is Col. Ignatius Wh.,
 son of Ignatius Wheeler ^{this father being} Jr., brother of Thomas
 Wheeler, your ancestor, who married Sarah Scott.
 Thomas Wheeler, no. 7, and Joseph Wheeler
 no. 8, I believe to be the same as Thomas
 Wh. no. 4, and Joseph Wh. no. 1.

Preston in his history of Hartford County
 says that "after the defeat of at Fort Wash-
 ington the Company under Capt. Francis
 Holland was attached to the army and per-
 formed the usual camp and guard duties,
 but did not have an opportunity to take
 part in battle". Thomas and Joseph were
 members of this Company. —

You are connected with the Revolution also by
 your ancestor Sarah Scott who married
 Thomas Wheeler. This Thomas had a sister
 Ann Wheeler who married Sarah's elder brother
 called James Scott.

Perkin in his history mentions:

Dana Scott 1st skipper under Capt.
John Live. 14 Sept. 1775.

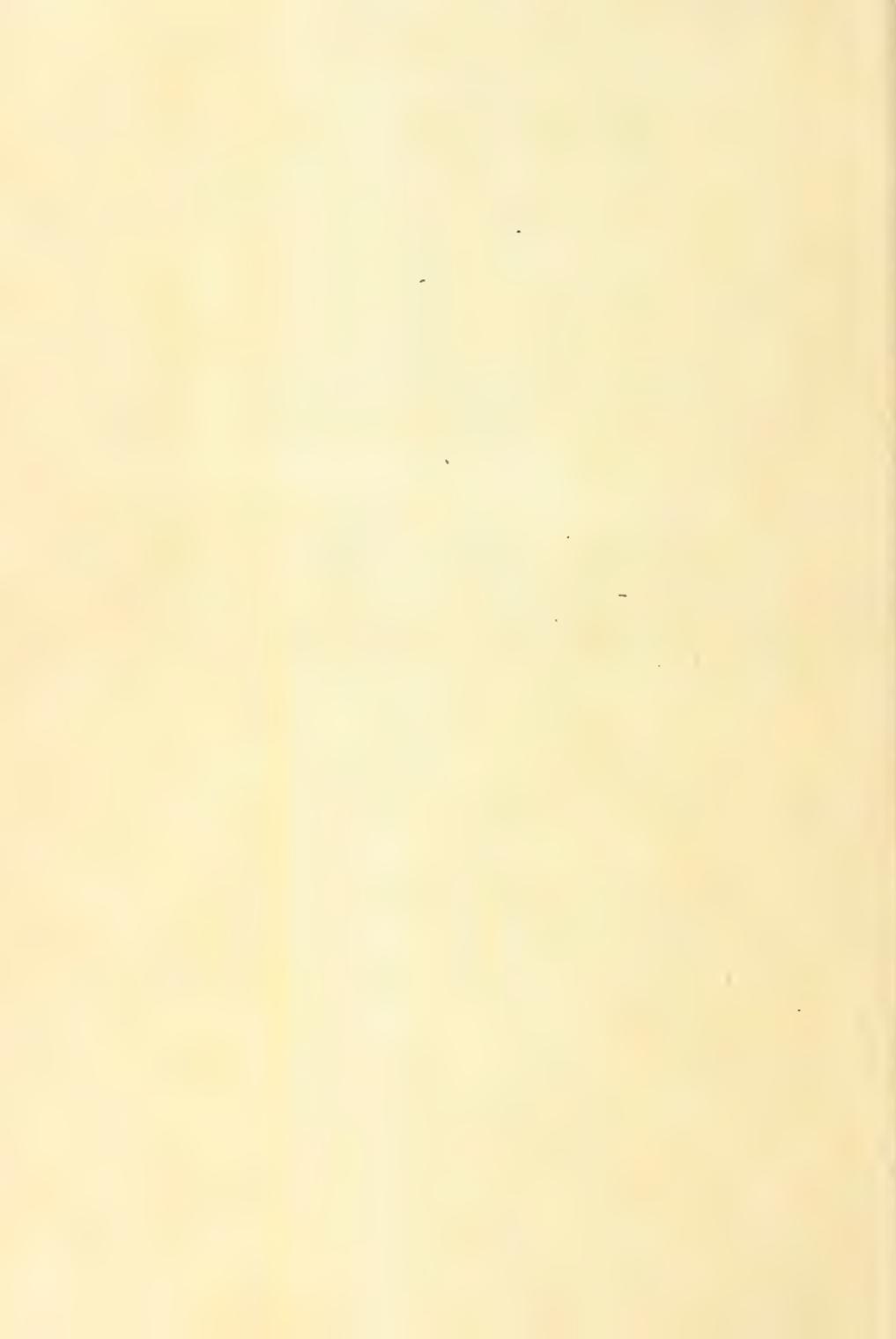
Aquila Scott & James under Capt. Jacob
Bond } 9th Dec. 1775

Dana Scott & Aquila } under Capt. Jacob Bond
Aquila * * * } 9th Dec. 1775.

Again there is some connection similarity
through Capt. Roger Harris of Stamford
- Riper - Philadelphia 2 Nov. 1776.

This Capt. Robt Harris married Susannah
Wheeler daughter of Thomas Wheeler by his
second wife (first was Sarah Ruth) Elizabeth
Trotter nee Town. Susannah was therefore
full sister of Josias Wheeler (no. 3) but
half sister of Benjamin Wheeler who mar-
ried Mary Green.

Finally there is still another link through
Capt' Bennett Brucey. This party in
an active struggle have to wait a little.
He was an officer in the English on Col. Hale's
Rattler of the City. Col. S. Brucey son of Capt
Bennett married John Wheeler the sister



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of Ellen Wheeler who married J. S. Grindall

I will insert here a note in reference to Gibon.
Col. Ignatius Wheeler had a sister who married
John Lee Gibon, July 12th 1779. This Mr. Gibon
was the first clerk of the Hartford Court and held
the position for many years. I doubt not but
Gov. Gibon Grindall was named for him.

You ask what is Elizabeth's father's name?

You know.

Sarah Scott's? she was the daughter of Daniel
Scott, wife Elizabeth — — ?

Mary Neale? not known, but more
probably of the same family, as Arch. Neale.

Dr. Felix Jenkins' ancestor was Benjamin Wheeler,
the same as yours, only you are descended
by his first wife Mary Neale, whereas the
Doctor by his second wife, Elizabeth Anna Gran-

Frances Helen Wheeler who married Felix Jenkins
was not half sister to Ellen Wheeler, but
half sister to Ellen Wheeler's father, Thomas Con.

This Thomas was married but once, and unfortu-
nately we possess not the name of his wife, but
Thomas' father, Henry Wh., was married twice as
said above. Frances Helen Wheeler's brother
was Michael A. Wheeler who became a priest.

Parker Clapp a Wheeler, pastor of a church
in Washington is a descendant of the Hartford
Wheeler's. Parker Walker Congby whom you
mention is an old friend of mine.

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Your descender is this
1 Benjamin Wheeler
2 Thomas Wheeler
3 Benjamin Wheeler
4 Thomas Wheeler

Benjamin no. 1, came from Piscataway parish
Prince George Co. to Baltimore County, now Harford
in 1715. He died 12th Oct. 1741. His wife was
Elizabeth —? who died 21st June 1742.

Thomas Wheeler, no. 2, was born 19th May 1708;
married first Sarah Scott daughter of
Danl Scott & Eliz. —? date — ?
married 2nd widow Eliz. Hillen, see Raven.
Date of this second marriage, 21 Dec. 1748.
Benjamin Wheeler, no. 3, born 29 Oct. 1731
married first Mary Neale
secondly widow Eliz. Thomas, see Green.

Thomas Wheeler, no. 4, born —? married whom — ?
died intestate 1810
His daughter Ellen married Jno. C. Green died
17th Nov. 1807.

I possess no other dates referring to the persons
named but these.

— Before closing I must thank you sincerely
for the present you sent me. I am however
not a smoker, but some of my visitors are.
Wishing I could have served you better, and beggin
a continuance of prayer in my behalf. I remain
Yours very sincerely
J. A. Frederick.

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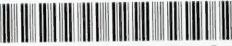


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